

The logo consists of a red rectangular box with a thin white border. Inside the box, the words "BOSTON" and "UNIVERSITY" are stacked vertically in a white, serif, all-caps font.

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UROP

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program

What is UROP?



Helps undergraduate students find and participate in faculty-mentored research and experiential learning projects in all disciplines



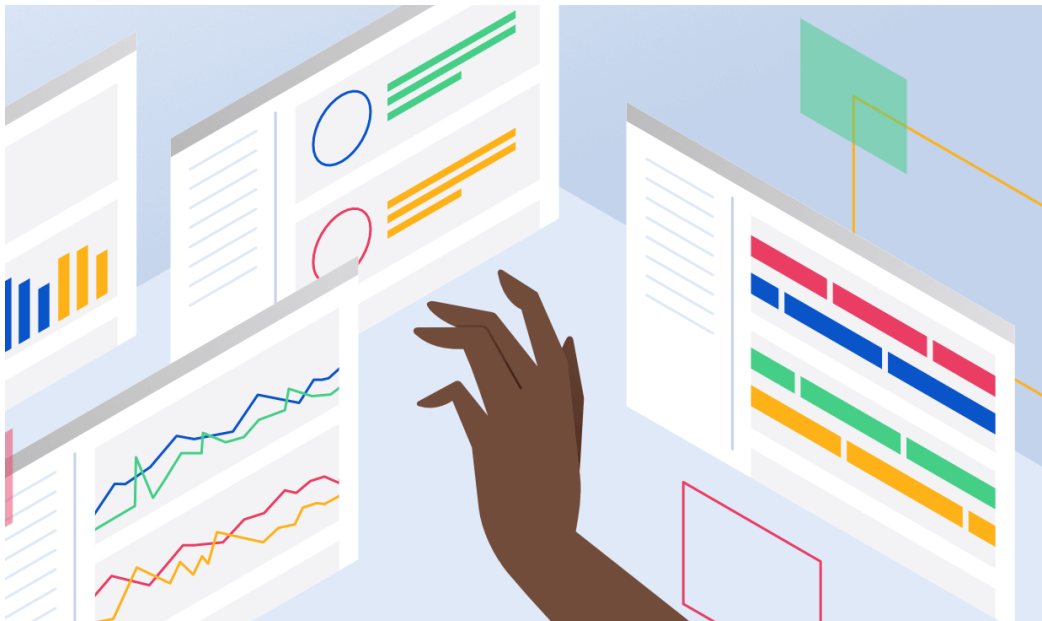
Provides funding for conducting research

Why do research?



- Increases post-graduate competitiveness
- Provides a hands-on learning experience
- Creates a relationship with a faculty member
- Potential for student and faculty publication and/or meeting abstracts
- Potential for attendance at professional conferences and meetings

What can I research?



- Conduct research in any discipline
- Work on the MED or CRC campus
- Consider research in the Arts & Humanities

How to get involved

- **Find a Faculty Mentor**
 - Visit faculty profiles on departmental websites
 - Talk to your professors
 - Check out [opportunities](#) on the UROP website
 - Look at previously [funded](#) UROP projects
- **Be Persistent!**
 - Research opportunities can be competitive
 - Finding a research project takes diligence



How to contact professors

- Create a list of potential mentors – it's okay to broaden your interests!
- Send emails to 2-3 faculty members at a time
- Tell them why you're interested and tailor your message to fit with the faculty member's research area
- Highlight any of your relevant coursework
- Highlight your experience (previous research not required!)
- Ask to set up a meeting to discuss research opportunities (suggest times you are available to meet)
- Be persistent! Follow-up 5 – 7 business days later if you don't get a response

I found a mentor, now what?

- Discuss how many hours per week you can work
- Decide if you are going to volunteer, conduct research for credit, apply for UROP, etc.
- If applying for UROP, complete the online application in consultation with your mentor
- Set up an appointment to have your application reviewed with UROP staff
- Have your mentor submit an online letter of recommendation
- If you're accepted by more than one mentor, remember to politely turn down the mentor you chose not to work with.



Types of UROP funding

Student stipend awards

- Faculty Matching Grants (FMG) and Student Research Awards (SRA)
- Paid to students as salary through student employment
- \$15 / hour pre-tax
- Work 5, 8, or 10 hours/week during fall and spring
- Work 20, 30, or 40 hours/week during the summer

Other ways to get involved

- **Volunteer** to gain experience with a mentor
- **Conduct research for credit** through your major department
- **Use your work-study award**



What makes a good UROP application?

- UROP Typically funds 65- 70% of applicants
- Clearly explain your role in the project
- Provide evidence of a relationship between you and your mentor
- Thorough explanation of the project's significance
- Ask and explore a well-defined research question
- A realistic timeline and methodology



UROP Deadlines

Keep an eye on our website for UROP deadlines!

[Link here](#)

Student applications are due at noon on the day of the deadline. Faculty recommendation letters are due by midnight on the day of the deadline.



Email us for more information!

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